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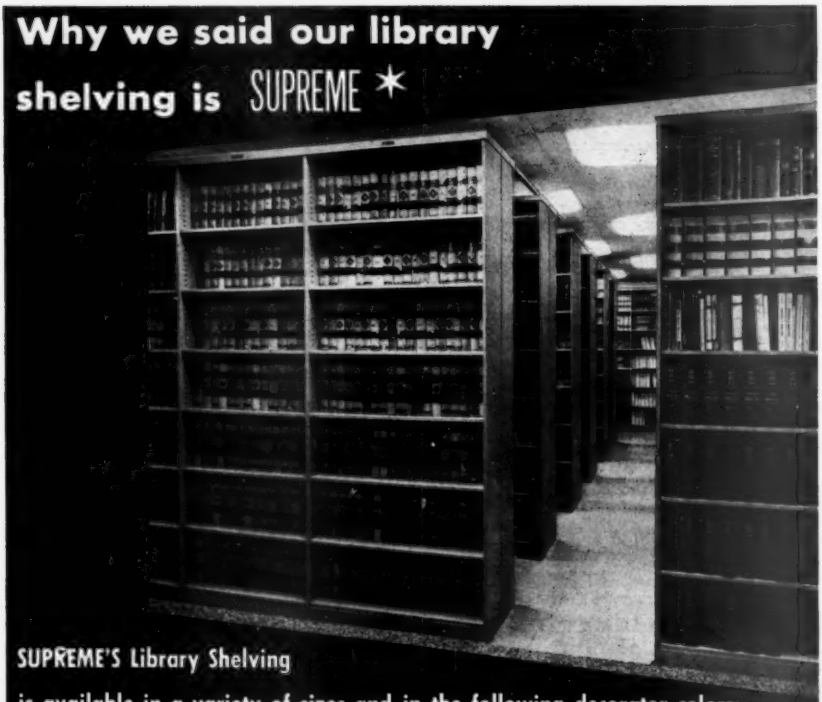

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SPECIAL LIBRARIES: A FEW FACTS

by—Mrs. Jane Bentley, Vice-President and President Elect of the Alabama Library Association; Chief, Processing Branch, ABMA Technical Library.

The Technical Library of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency is one of a fast-growing network of information collections devoted to the scientific and technical interests of the men and women conducting Uncle Sam's research and development programs. These programs cover every aspect of weapon and troop technology — from germ warfare to psychology; however, this particular library is concerned with ballistic missiles and related fields.

Much of the data is in the form of reports, rather than the bound books so familiar to the patrons of conventional libraries. This not only changes the outward appearance of the library, but also the way it operates. In addition to a thorough knowledge of their own collection and organization, librarians must know the work and organizational structure of other agencies engaged in similar research. If the required information is not included in the library holdings, the librarians must know how to go about securing it. They must also be aware of security regulations governing the interchange of classified material.

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One point must be emphasized — this film is exposed, processed and stored under carefully controlled conditions in order to obtain the best possible quality. Cabinets full of poor film are not only a waste of money, but they contribute to the existing prejudice against this medium in the minds of library users. Of course it must be remembered that the film clarity can be no greater than the original material. Even so, all that really impresses the potential user is whether or not the report he wants is available and legible.

One notable feature of microfilm is the ability to reproduce entire filmed collections at relatively low cost, both to provide wider usage and for safety purposes.

The books, reports, films and periodicals found in this type of library are part of the working tools of today's scientists and technicians. In their leisure time, the same people who request the latest information on the chemical properties of outer space will be found browsing in the fiction section of the local public library or listening to records at the Post Library.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES: Bibliography For Children and Young People

Compiled by MARTHA BLACKSHEAR, State School Libraries Consultant

A general bibliography containing books of interest to readers in all areas of the country plus a few of special interest to Alabamians. Books written in more recent years make up the bulk of this list.

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Each month books are selected by librarians in Washington, D. C. who are employed by the Army to read and purchase books for the post libraries' collections. Also, a fund is provided monthly by this post for the purchase of appropriate books by the librarian to supplement the provided collection. The books include authoritative authors in the main subject classes of the Dewey Decimal Classification, an adequate supply of reference books, classics in world literature, and recent fiction. Sixty per cent of the books in our post library at Redstone Arsenal are nonfiction.

Trained library staffs are required by post libraries and the services are comparable to those of the most modern public libraries. The librarians aid with reference questions, advisory guidance, and work with hospital patients. This library has found that the use of paperback books is particularly adaptable to the hospital service. A music room is standard equipment for post libraries; this provides a place for listening to records. The recordings may be borrowed just as books and magazines, for a period of fourteen days.

The size and scope of a post library's book collection depends on the military strength of the installation, its specialties of training and the interests peculiar to the local needs. This library, with its eighteen thousand volumes, has a large reading room equipped with standard library furnishings. It has pleasing green walls, the windows are covered with floral draperies, and soft music is played in the room on occasions. A show case, now displaying a collection of rare coins, a lighted atlas globe, and a spherical celestial globe on which the path of satelites may be traced, adds to the character of the room.

There are many special collections of books grouped together in one area of the room. These collections include the children's books, mysteries, westerns, short story collections, and, especially notable, the "Military Reading Program Books" which have been selected by the army for the use of the military personnel. These are read constantly by the officers of this post. Another special collection is that of some five hundred books written in foreign languages, which have been selected for the recreational use of the foreign students who are located here.

This library is centrally located on the post, near the troop and shopping areas. The Special Service Officer is charged with the general direction of the library. He is responsible for the preparation and justification of the members and types of library positions, and for the procurement of adequate facilities.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR DOCUMENTATION CONFERENCES

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

The 26th General Conference of the International Federation for Documentation (FID) was held in Rio de Janeiro July 22-30, 1960. As an observer and member of the American delegation, opportunities were presented for participation in the documentation discussions of the conference, to meet librarians of Brazil and see some libraries, and to visit some of the magnificent sights of that country including its new capital city Brasilia. Sessions of the conference were held at the Escola Naval (Brazilian equivalent of Annapolis) which is situated on a small island reached by bridge from downtown Rio.

The FID membership is made up by country. Official delegations of 23 countries were in attendance and representatives of a number of international agencies and national libraries were also in attendance. From the United States, Burton W. Adkinson (National Science Foundation) attended as a Vice President of FID; Verner W. Clapp (Council on Library Resources) and Karl F. Heumann (National Research Council) were official representatives of the National Academy of Science-National Research Council which next year replaces the American Institute of Documentation as the American member. Other librarians and documentalists on the U. S. delegation were Marietta Daniels (Pan American Union), C. Duke Gull (General Electric), Allen Kent (Western Reserve University); W. Kenneth Lowry (Bell Telephone); Florence K. Nierman (Pan American Union). The conference was the guest of Brazil represented by the Brazilian Institute for Bibliography and Documentation of which Senhora Lydia de Quieroz Sambaquy is president. Interesting tours to the new city Brasilia and to the rapidly growing industrial Sao Paulo were tended the delegates.

Agenda of the conference included meetings of the FID governing board (General Assembly) and a series of open program sessions. These latter covering the subject of cooperation among documentation centers included discussions of current bibliography, union catalogs, and relations between national information centers, language problems, scientific information, mechanization and classification. A series of roundtables gave particular attention to the problems of documentation and of training for such work in Latin America.

The meeting produced a series of recommendation on the subjects of the discussions and adopted a proposal for establishment of a Latin American Commission for Documentation. The exchange of views resulting from the meeting will have potential effects and the above mentioned proposal holds possible consequences of importance to libraries in all Latin America.

Before the opening of the conference opportunities were presented for visits to several libraries and to meet librarians of Brazil. The librarians are charming, well-trained, many of them know more than two languages and many have studied library science in the United States. There are a number of library schools in Brazil which have a three year course where many details of library operations are taught. Among libraries visited were those at the University of Sao Paula, The Centro Technico de Aeronautica, a union catalog center in Rio, and libraries at several other institutions. Through management of their libraries and management of the conference the librarians of Brazil presented a strong picture of the profession of librarianship in that country.

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Graduating were Mrs. Mary Lou Griffin, Mrs. Ethel F. Hester, Mrs. Ann R. Jenkins, Luther E. Lee, Mrs. Pernie Legg, Mrs. Helen W. Lollar, Mrs. Nell Quinn Moon, Miss Lucia Owens, Mrs. Chalis Patton, Mrs. Bertha Leona Stubblefield and Mrs. Loretta Wallace.

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It was my pleasure to represent the Trustees and Friends Section of the Alabama Library Association as Delegate to the National Assembly of Library Trustees in Montreal. Mrs. T. C. Crain also attended the meeting as Alternate, and Mrs. Patrick Pruitt, Mr. Jerome Levy and Mr. E. G. Gibbons were seated as official observers from Alabama.

This was the largest number ever to be present at the National from Alabama.

The Trustees discussed plans for the observance of National Library Week, and heard a report on federal legislation affecting libraries.

I presented the report of the Action Development Committee showing the progress made in this long range program initiated and supported by trustees. The objectives of this Committee fall under three headings:

A. To raise the standards of Trusteeship.
B. To raise the standards of Librarianship.
C. To raise the standards of library buildings and services.

There was not time in this closely scheduled two hour meeting to give full reports, and most of them were cut short and a few omitted. One was carried over into the dinner meeting which followed. There was discussion on the advisability of setting aside a full day for the National Assembly at the 1961 meeting.

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Southeastern Conference
State Directors of Public and School Library Programs

Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, August 4-5, 1960

Present from the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.: Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist; Miss Mary Helen Mahar, School and Children's Library Service.

Present: Mrs. Mozelle Cummings, Mrs. Elizabeth Parks Beamguard, Mr. John K. Cameron (Alabama); Miss Audrey Newman, Miss Verna Nistendirk (Florida); Miss Lucile Nix, President Southeastern Library Association, Miss Sarah Jones, Miss Virginia McJenkin, Mrs. Anne Page Bugg, (Georgia); Miss Margaret Willis (Kentucky); Miss Ada McCaa (Mississippi); Miss Cora Paul Bomar, Miss Elaine von Oesen (North Carolina); Miss Estellene P. Walker (South Carolina); Miss Martha Parks, Miss Louise Meredith (Tennessee).

This was the first meeting of its kind sponsored by the Southeastern Library Association. Those responsible for public and school library programs met to discuss their common problems and to map plans for action within individual states and the region.

The school and public library directors should be responsible for working for a total program and imaginative planning. Other responsibilities include recruitment, inservice education, demonstration of particular types of service, and gathering data and meaningful information in order to secure financial support.

Public librarians and school libraries are not entirely aware of the problems of the other and lines of communication should be opened. There is a similarity in the standards for public and school libraries in the total program approach. The use of the school library is 80 percent voluntary and choice is as free as in public libraries. There is no valid distinction in materials which are curriculum-related, nor is there separation in service in the broad view. The public library is a service agency to the whole community and the school library one to the school community.

The Southern States Work Conference began four years ago for (1) determining the importance of the school library to boys and girls, (2) identifying elements which make libraries important, and (3) determining the effects of school policy. This study is now complete and ready for evaluation prior to publication. Teachers, principals, superintendents, college and public librarians worked together on the study.

Miss Mahar told of a Cooperative Research Program suggested by state school library supervisors of Rutgers University. In the first phase of the program, several school libraries in New Jersey were studied to determine whether or not elementary school libraries make "a difference." Cooperative Research Program funds are available for educational research from the Office of Education. A study of school and public library relationships over the country would be a "natural" for the Program.

It was decided that the group will recommend to the SELA Executive Board that a study be made of school and public library relationships, particularly from the administrative point of view, on a regional or even a national scale. It was further recommended that the SELA Development Committee refine the recommendation and present it to the SELA Biennial Conference.

It was suggested that each state receive a recommendation from this group to hold conferences of lay and professional people to discuss problems of total library service at state and local levels. Mr. Cameron recommended that State Library Associations work this into their programs.

SOME LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY WORK CONFERENCE HELD ON UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAMPUS 15-18 AUGUST 1960

Left to right: Mrs. Elizabeth P. Beamguard, Director, Alabama Public Library Service; Mrs. Mozelle B. Cummings, Field Representative, Alabama Public Library Service; Dr. Shirley Knowles Stephenson, Associate Professor, Library School, Louisiana State University; Miss Bethel Fite, Director, Library Extension and Program Services, University of Alabama; Miss Marion Neill, Librarian, George S. Houston Memorial Library, Dothan; Mrs. Gretchen K. Schenk, Library Consultant, Summerdale, Alabama.

Mrs. Pauline Foster, Head of the Department of School Librarianship, University of Alabama, should have been in the picture.

The Community Library Work Conference was sponsored jointly by the Alabama Public Library Service and the University of Alabama. This was the first of a series of three annual work conferences.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM

Welcome: Dr. W. Stanley Hoole, Director of Libraries, University of Alabama.
Objectives of the Workshop: Miss Bethel Fite.
The Image of the Library in the Community: Dr. Shirley Knowles Stephenson.
"Laboratory Session": Alabama Public Library Staff.
The Library Serves the Community: Mrs. Gretchen Knief Schenk.
Library Service to Children and Young People: Dr. Shirley Knowles Stephenson.
Library Service to Business: Miss Alice C. Kingery.
Library Service to the Aging: Miss Ethel Peerson.
Library Service to the Individual Reader: Mrs. Mary Ross Klontz.
Basic Reference Problems: Mrs. Pauline Foster.

ALA Standards For School Libraries

Conferences sponsored by the Alabama School Librarians Association will be held October 25 in Montgomery and October 26 in Birmingham. Emphasis will be placed on how the school librarian and the local PTA library chairman can lead in implementing the ALA standards in their school.

Miss Virginia McJenkins, Southeastern Chairman, Committee for Implementation of the Standards will serve as consultant for both conferences.

Mrs. Ruth J. Holliman is state chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the new ALA Standards for School Libraries. Serving with her is Miss Martha Jule Blackshear, Mrs. Martha Cobb, Miss Sybil Baird and Mrs. Pauline Foster.

(Also article in July issue *The Alabama Librarian*).

"Reference Laboratory Period."

Library Service to Adult Groups: Miss Bethel Fite.

Letting Your Community Know: Panel with Mrs. Mary Ross Klontz, Miss Ethel Peerson, Mrs. Alice Doughtie, Miss Mildred Goodrich, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. John Hyatt.

"Laboratory. *The Use of Bulletin Boards*": Mrs. Pauline Foster with University students, Miss Nancy A. Cummings and Mr. Luther E. Lee.

Gathering and Preserving Local Historical Material: Dr. W. Stanley Hoole.

An Evening of Poetry and Stories: Dr. Allen Bales, Associate Professor of Speech, University of Alabama.

"Laboratory Session": Mrs. Elizabeth Parks Beamguard and APLS staff.

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Why Students Choose Librarianship As A Career

In a research project in Education 400 at the University of Alabama, under the direction of Dr. H. B. Woodward, Jr., Mrs. Ruth Waldrop* made a questionnaire study of 66 library science students at the University during 1959-60 and the 1960 summer sessions. The purpose of the study was to ascertain the factors which influenced students in the selection of librarianship as a major field of study.

Thirty-one juniors and seniors and 35 graduate students replied to the questionnaire. The average age of the undergraduate student was 21; the majority were single. The average age of the undergraduate studdent was 40; the majority were married. Four males and 62 females were included in the study.

Job security, the demand for librarians, and an acquaintance in the field were the three ranking influences for the undergraduate students, followed by status or prestige of the position, current popularity of the field, and mother's influence in vocational choice.

Demand, an acquaintance in the field, and current popularity of the profession ranked highest with graduate students, followed by principal, special abilities or talents, and status or prestige of the position.

OBSERVATIONS

Some interesting observations based on the findings of the study follow.

1. Job security is of prime concern to younger students who ranked it first, while more experienced students ranked it seventh as a factor influencing vocational choice. In fact, as many mature students felt that it had no bearing on their choice as those who gave it much or some significance.

2. Demand for librarians stood at the top of the list for graduate students and second among the factors influencing undergraduate students. A number of graduate students stated that they had volunteered or had been asked to take library training in order to qualify for the position of librarian in their school and thus help their school meet accrediting standards. After getting into the study of librarianship, they liked the work and have continued their training in the field.

3. Knowing someone in the work came as a strong influence with both groups, ranking second and third with graduate students and undergraduates respectively. This is a tribute to the quality of librarians in service, their interest in their profession, and their high morale.

4. Current popularity of the field ranked third for graduate and fifth for undergraduates. This factor is closely related to demand, but it may be interpreted also as reflecting the favorable image of the profession now being created for recruits.

5. The principal was credited as the chief recruiting factor by a number of graduate students and ranked fourth in importance for the graduate group. With undergraduates the principal ranked twelfth.

6. Status or prestige of the field was checked in the upper six areas of influence by both groups, ranking fourth with undergraduates and sixth with graduates. The high ranking of this factor, too, is a compliment to librarianship and ought to make librarians stand a little taller and feel a little prouder of the profession.

7. Mother, as an influence in vocational choice, ranked sixth and ninth with undergraduates and graduates respectively. This points up the fact that librarians should make a practice of discussing with mothers the career choice of their daughters and of recommending librarianship to the superior girls.

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*School Libraries Consultant, Jefferson County, Alabama Schools.

MORE ATTENTION

Some other factors which deserve more attention from those interested in recruiting for librarianship are the following:

1. Vocational experience in the field is a strong influence, ranking seventh and tenth with undergraduates and graduates respectively. This confirms the importance of the student assistants program as a recruiting factor for undergraduates and the influence of actual work experience on graduate students also.

2. The school counselor ranked low in influence, nineteenth with undergraduates and seventeenth with graduates. This ranking no doubt reflects the lack of counselors and counseling in many Alabama schools. As counselors are added, librarians will need to acquaint them with the opportunities in librarianship.

3. Career Day in school ranked twelfth with undergraduates and nineteenth with graduates, which indicates that frequently no consideration is given to special subject areas such as librarianship. Librarians should exert more effort to have librarianship presented to high school students by enthusiastic members of the profession.

4. Occupational literature also ranked low being twelfth with both groups. Our profession still needs a more attractive presentation in print and wider distribution of materials now available.

CONCLUSION

The most significant finding of this study is that the most effective salesman of librarianship is the librarian. Perhaps you may compliment yourself as being an "acquaintance in the field" who is attracting others to it.

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Two Alabama librarians borrowed for study on leave from the MARY R. MULLEN loan fund: James *Chisum*, Anniston Public Library; and John *McClurkin*, Air University Library. Both returned to their positions at the close of the summer sessions: Mr. Chisum from FSU and Mr. McClurkin from University of Chicago.

The LILA MAY CHAPMAN loan of $600 went to Mr. Milton *Crouch*, student library assistant until his graduation from Birmingham-Southern College. Mr. Crouch is studying at LSU and working part time in the University Library.

Response for the loan fund at the Mobile convention from the membership totalled $76.94. The Tuscaloosa Library Bindery again presented the fund with $100, making the total from Mr. Rosenfeld, including last year's gifts, $300. The World Book gave $25. The Association met its budgetted $100, and the College, University, and Special Libraries Division its $50 pledge. This added $351.94 to the fund, making the total raised from the beginning $3,370.88.

Though the fund at present offers only interest free loans, the committee is working toward interesting industry in regular contributions. This would enable the grants to be true scholarships and put a considerable weapon into the competition for good students going to graduate school.

John K. Cameron
Romilda Crow
Jesse Stimson
Joe Templeton
Margaret Hughes, Chairman 1960-61

Total for scholarships raised as follows:

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$600 awarded Chisum, James. Due $600. Notes $30 begin Oct. 60.

$300 awarded McClurkin, John. Due $300. Notes $50 begin Oct. 60.

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$600 awarded Williams, Patricia. Notes $50 begin Dec. 60.

$600 awarded Crouch, Milton. Due $600. Notes $50 begin Oct. 61.

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REPORT ON MONTREAL

Before June 15th, I spent many moments wondering if I would survive the rush and tumult of the end of school and preparations for my trip to Montreal, Canada to attend the joint meeting of the American Library Association and Canadian Library Association — June 20-24, 1960. By the time I had reached Chattanooga, Tennessee I was convinced it was worth any effort.

I am still sorry that Martha Cobb was unable to attend the conference, but I do appreciate the president's asking me to represent Alabama School Librarians at this meeting.

Our entire fifteen-day trip was a most enjoyable experience. We drove through by car. Martha Jule Blackshear is an excellent tour conductor. Of course she had a good co-pilot (Mrs. Patrick Pruitt, from Huntsville) and two excellent advisors on the back seat in the form of Ethel Pearson, from Florence, and Miriam Gerald.

The Conference was most informative and inspirational to me. I could not help making a pledge to myself while I was attending the meetings that I would return home and do better work than I had ever done before.

I was quite charmed by Canada itself: the scenery, buildings, the friendliness of the people, their customs, and the contrast between their cities and ours. Everything surpassed my expectations built upon wide reading about Canada. We managed to do a pretty good job of sight seeing in Montreal and then traveled on to Quebec and were charmed by both cities.

No matter how one feels previously about attending an ALA Conference, once one goes one will always want to go again.

Miriam B. Gerald, Librarian,
Chilton County High School

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT EXTENDED

The bill to amend the Library Services Act to extend for five years the authorization for appropriations was signed 31 August 1960 by President Eisenhower. All Alabama representatives and senators favored the legislation. Alabama will receive more than $200,000 during fiscal year 1961 under this bill.

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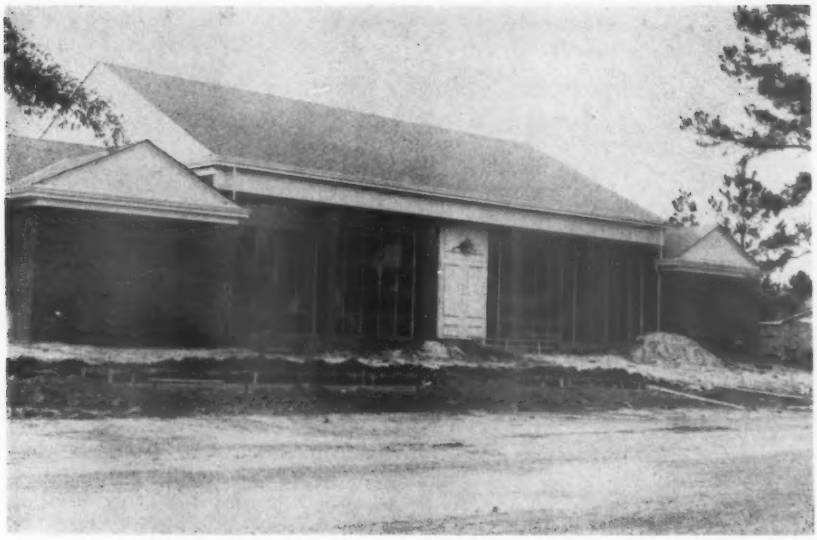

THE BREWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

ROY LEE FARISH, Chairman
Brewton Library Board

Until January, 1959 the Brewton Public Library was housed in the old Brewton Public School Building. Upon notification that this building would be razed, it was moved into three small rooms of the old funeral home.

Soon afterward the Library Board met with the City Council to request a new building. The Council indicated that the city could not erect a building and continue to furnish operating expenses. The city would obtain funds for construction of a new building only if another source would assume responsibility for the expense of operation. After many meetings between the Library Board and the United Fund Committee of Brewton, the Committee agreed to include the operating expenses in their budget. The Board wrote letters and conducted a house to house collection campaign for books and furnishings.

Mrs. Ed Leigh McMillan gave the city a nice lot for building site next to the T. R. Miller High School. Mr. Henry Sprott Long drew the plans for the building. Construction was by James W. Riley Construction Co. of Greenville, Alabama.

Many individuals, civic groups, professional groups, and the members of the Library Board deserve a vote of thanks for the long hours devoted to the planning and erection of this new asset to the city of Brewton.

1960 National Library Week in Alabama

BY LUCRETIA M. SEMERS

Reader's Services Librarian, Alabama Public Library Service

Alabama librarians, with Mrs. J. E. Price, Tuscaloosa, as State Chairman, and Mr. Fant Thornley, Birmingham, as Executive Director, participated almost 100% in celebrating the 1960 National Library Week, April 3-10.

Working with Mrs. Price and Mr. Thornley were: Mrs. Edna Earle Brown, Auburn; Miss Margaret Miller, Birmingham; Miss Martha Jule Blackshear, Montgomery; Mrs. Elizabeth Parks Beamguard, Montgomery; Mr. John Hyatt, Anniston; Mrs. Jean Hoffman, Birmingham; Mrs. Mary Ross Klontz, Auburn; Mr. Joe Templeton, Mobile; Mr. Wilbur Helmbold, Birmingham; Mrs. Elenor E. Murphy, Huntsville; Mrs. Howard Slayden, Huntsville; Mr. Louis Eckl, Florence; Mrs. Talmadge West, Haleyville; Mrs. Evelyn Robertson, Fayette; Mr. Norman Crawford, Marion; Mr. Jerome Levy, Demopolis; Mrs. J. L. Warren, Jr., Enterprise; Miss Rebecca Boozer, Dothan; Mrs. Joe Smith, Phenix City; and Mr. Robert Severance, Montgomery.

Governor John Patterson called upon citizens to "recognize the vitality and strength of the printed word in today's world and its importance to our survival. The printed word has become a necessity to keep us in watchful readiness to exercise responsible citizenship. Only a wide variety of reading can inform us of what has been and what is and can train the imagination for force ahead into what might be in the future."

The purpose of National Library Week is to focus attention on the significance of reading and libraries in our national life.

With the purpose in mind many NLW committees throughout the state held brainstorming sessions resulting in some unusual public relations gimics. For example: AUBURN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY had a slide made of the NLW poster which was shown on local TV stations with a spot announcement; COOSA VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY cooperated with Columbiana, Ragland and Pell City in having the water bills stamped with a special NLW stamp. Over 2,000 such bills were sent; Open House was held in the VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL LIBRARY, Birmingham, for patients and personnel. This was quite an occasion, for many of the patients were brought in wheel chairs for their first and only visit as the ward book cart generally serves them at their bedsides; a questionaire with questions concerning student's use of the library and their family's use and support of it, was given to the Foley High School students to survey the use of the FOLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY; CHOCTAWHATCHEE REGIONAL LIBRARY had open house featuring as special guest, Bert Henderson, Poet Laureate of Alabama; Miss Virginia Peterson, author, literary commentator and book reviewer was guest speaker at FLORENCE STATE COLLEGE.

National Library Week had its beginning as a day within Book Week — through the years the interest grew and friends of libraries and librarians saw the necessity of more time. The increase in participation this past year leaves many of us feeling a week is all too short for our many activities, and looking forward to National Library Week, 1961, April 16-22.

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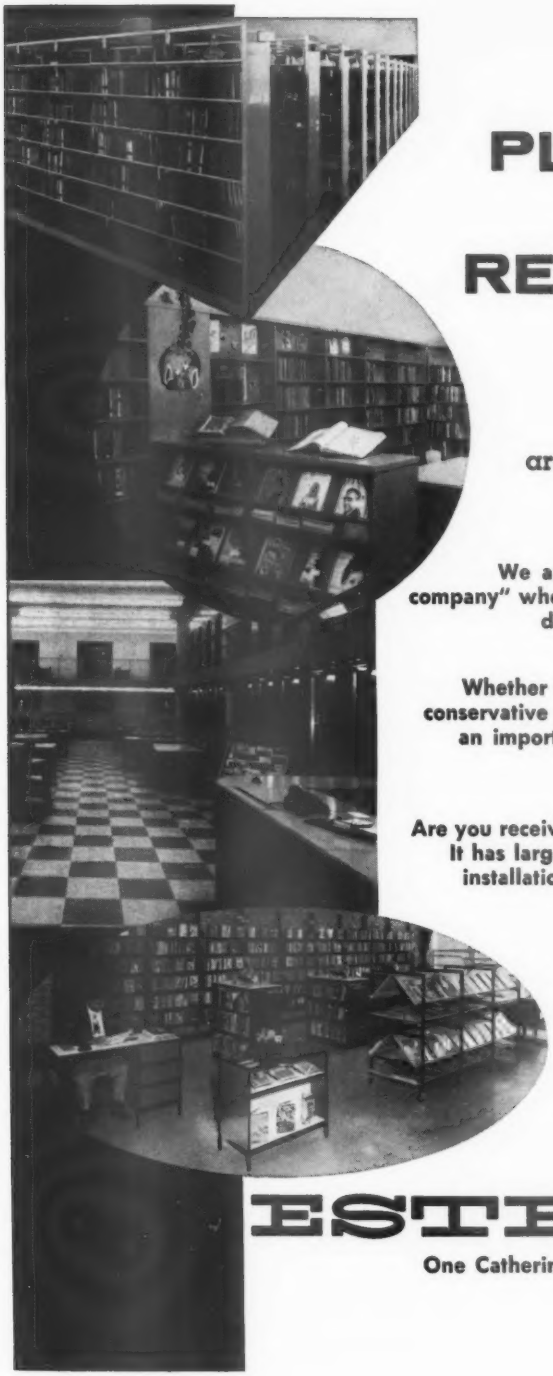

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